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## REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response that expires on October 14, 2003. A Submission of Formal Drawings has been filed concurrently with this Reply by Express Mail, and is part of the response to the Office action.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6 following the listing of claims.

This paper contains no amendments to the specification or drawings. Further examination and reconsideration respectfully are requested.